



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 05552.1464-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Udo KRUPKA ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No.: 10/561,343 ) Examiner: Sharon L. Hurt  
Filed: December 22, 2005 )  
For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN ) Confirmation No.: 5936  
(HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action  
(Restriction Requirement) of August 11, 2006. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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